

# News From The ROCK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LIVINGSTON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES SPRING 1988



Livingston Associate Professor John Leggett was named the 1988 honorary alumnus by the LCAG and was so honored at the annual reunion held in September. In deference to his Scottish ancestry, Leggett was surprised with a traditional bagpipe serenade. More reunion photos inside. (Photo courtesy Office of Alumni Relations).

## Volunteers Sought For 20th Celebration

1989 will mark the 20th year since Livingston College welcomed its first students to the Rock. We alumni are planning a major event with some well-known guests of honor in attendance to mark this milestone.

To do this right we will need alumni experienced with public relations, organizational communications, mass mailings, writing and organizing to help put the event together. We're forming a Livingston 20th Anniversary Committee to conceive and plan the occasion and all alumni are invited to serve on it. If this is something you'd like to be in on from the beginning, drop us a line at the LCAG, 172 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08903, or call 201-932-7474. We expect this committee to not only be a great deal of fun, but to also be a very rewarding experience. We need your help and you could use the excitement!

## Business School Battle Is Won

By Susan Kozel

After three years of fighting over the placement of both the school of Business (SOB) and the overwhelming majority of its business courses and sections on the Livingston College Campus, the battle appears to be finally over. The scheduling office released figures which proved that there has been a dramatic reduction in the number of courses and sections being taught on our campus.

During the Spring '87 term, nearly 70 percent of all daytime sections for the SOB were scheduled on the Livingston Campus. We are happy to report that 55 percent of the sections will be held during the daytime for the Spring '88 term. This figure translates into less than seven percent of the overall percentage of classes taught at Livingston College.

Our alumni association served as a leader in this fight and was responsible for the University Senate's investigation into this matter. After the university Board of Governors passed an October, 1986 policy which would require an equitable distribution of daytime business sections throughout all campuses, the Livingston College Association of Graduates (LCAG) agreed to support the

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# Alumni Win SOB Battle

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placement of the SOB on our campus. However, months of requesting the schedule for our alumni leadership. We could not gather any information which demonstrated that the percentage of courses was significantly reduced.

The University Senate sent back to committee a proposed resolution which recommended that the SOB schedule be applauded. The Senate believed that neither the committee nor the administration had produced the statistical support which demonstrated that the course schedule had been modified. As an alumna University Senator, I submitted to the committee data gathered through

my role as a representative of our alumni association. This data challenged the view that things had changed for the better.

LCAG President Christopher Berzinski wrote to University President Edward J. Bloustein in the late Fall inquiring about the facts. Dr. Bloustein responded after I addressed the University Board of Governors in December and asked once more for the proof that the schedule had changed. Yet, in his letter, Dr. Bloustein did not provide the necessary numbers. We wanted to review the figures first hand because so much misinformation had been supplied in the past.

Only after Dean W. Robert Jenkins intervened and presented us with the numbers from the University Scheduling Office did we finally see that our efforts paid off.

On behalf of the LCAG leadership, we would like to thank all the alumni who expressed their support. It took some time, but we were able to win a very important victory for the Livingston mission. The next step is to require the scheduling of more History and Political Science courses on our campus, two of the most under-represented departments now found at Livingston College.

## A Message From The Dean

by Dean W. Robert Jenkins

Livingston College is doing very well. We were swamped with applications last year, and more and more students are indicating a first choice for Livingston College in their multiple applications to New Brunswick colleges. SAT scores are higher than ever, and our special and minority admits are better prepared and holding their own in numbers. The record of our graduates in jobs, public service and in post-graduate study has a great deal to do with what is happening. Keep up the good work; you former citizens of The Rock generate our best public relations.

Naturally, there are problems at the College, but we tackle them one at a time and try to overcome or resolve them. One of these problems is, not surprisingly, a shortage of funds. We desperately need contributions to the College Scholarship, the Lynton Scholarship and the Dean's Fund. These scholarships are used mostly to help needy students who could not remain in school without a few hundred dollars in aid. Sometimes a small amount, \$150 to \$200, is needed to clear a housing bill or meet some other University commitment, so that the next semester's registration can proceed. A few small grants are made by the College as merit awards to convince an especially strong student to decide on Livingston.

The Dean's Fund has assisted students, both individually and in clubs, to attend conferences or hold special events. For example, we regularly support the African Student Congress during Black History Month and Pre-Kwanza celebrations; we help bring speakers to campus, sponsor or co-sponsor such events as seem reasonable for Livingston College on the New Brunswick campuses, and pick up special and unbudgeted expenses of other sorts.

All of these dollars come from

contributions, mainly from alumni. Gifts from graduates range from \$5 to \$1,000; all are equally welcomed and needed. Your contributions provide you with an opportunity to remain an important part of your College. My wife and I have always contributed to our school, even during our lean, graduate student days. We now make a significant contribution annually to the Livingston College Scholarship Fund.

Admittedly, it may seem a bit crass for us always to seek your financial support, but you are our major resource. Can you just imagine how much assistance we could provide if all 10,000-plus Livingston graduates made even nominal annual contributions?

Of course, there are other ways to help. Being an active alumnus or alumna, talking up the College is important. Opinions of the College are formed on the basis of these conversational experiences. As I mentioned earlier, we're getting better, so keep up your good efforts.

Finally, and as always, I urge you to pay a visit. Just drop into campus one day and walk around. Visit the Student Center, the Library, even the Dean's Office. You'll bring back more memories than you can imagine. Livingston was, and is, your school.

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LIVINGSTON  
COLLEGE!**

# Annual Meeting/Picnic Set

The LCAG will hold its annual meeting/picnic on Sunday, May 1, 1988.

The business portion of the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in room 113 of the Livingston Student Center (located in front of the library). At about 2:00 p.m. we will move outdoors for the picnic, weather permitting. If it rains, we will stay indoors and party! An additional attraction on what is usually the second day of Spring Week End has been the West Indian Music Festival. We don't know yet if that particular event will be held on May 1, but students have assured us that there

will be something of cultural interest occurring that day.

As always, friends and kids are welcome at the meeting and the picnic. Please bring your own lunch to the picnic. We will supply the drinks and additional munchies.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING!** We need to know how much refreshment to buy. Fill out the coupon on page 8 or call us at 201-932-7474 at least a couple of days before the meeting/picnic.

Finally, only dues payers can vote at

the annual meeting. The main question under discussion will be the following constitutional amendment:

**"SHOULD THE LIVINGSTON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE LIVINGSTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?"**

Officers will also report on the events of the last year and be more than willing to put you in charge of any new project that you propose.

So come out and join us for what should be a fun-filled spring afternoon at the old Rock. See you May 1st!

## Pros And Cons Of Name Change

### *Would End Confusion*

By Susan Kozel

Confusion. It is because of confusion that I recommend that the Livingston College Association of Graduates (LCAG) change its name to the Livingston Alumni Association. Having been active in leadership of the alumni for nearly four and a half years, I have witnessed newspapers, university officials, students, state leaders, and even alumni who called us by another name. We are never recognized by our official name. Instead, we have been confused with the Livingston student government, the LCGA. For the future success of our group, we need an easily remembered, non-tounge twister name. Vote for the Livingston Alumni Association.

### *A Matter Of Respect*

by Amos J. Danube

My answer is "NO!" I have opposed the idea since it was first suggested. I must admit that our name is amouthfull and "some" people seem to have trouble with it. But since Livingston College is different from other colleges, I believe that our name should reflect that uniqueness. I have trouble comprehending

why some supposedly intelligent people should have problems learning a name of five words, just because that name is different than the usual name of an alumni association. I must also admit that our name is very similar to the Livingston College Governing Association, the college's student government. Yet, people have no trouble memorizing that name.

Some of you may know that I am a foreign-born American. When I was in graduate school and a TA at Livingston College, I used to tell my students that if I could learn the language, they shouldn't have a problem with it. I could follow this

same argument in connection with our name.

But what galls me most is that the people we must deal with, beside our membership, are people in leadership positions. The fact that they became leaders should be an indication of intelligence. Yet, these leaders have a problem learning our name. The fact that they may be ineffective leaders is not our concern. But the fact that they fail to show respect by not learning our name, for whatever reason, should concern us. There are many reasons to change one's name, but the inability or unwillingness of some people to learn our name is not a good one.

### LCAG ALUMNI COUNCIL 1987 - 1988

Chris Berzinski, '80 - Presidents/R.U. Alumni Federation

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## *For Your Information*

# Livingston Sociology Being Purged

by Associate Professor Martin Oppenheimer

A political purge of Livingston Sociology has been underway for a dozen years. This purge is being carried out by the same forces within the university administration that are trying to gut what's left of the original mission of Livingston College. Aided and abetted by several senior Rutgers (non-Livingston) sociologists, the purge has all but succeeded in turning the sociological clock at Rutgers back to the mid-1950s. Only four sociologists associated with Livingston, all tenured before consolidation, remain: the founding chair, Irving Louis Horowitz, John Leggett, Sherry Gorelick, and myself. Dale Johnson, twice chair of the Livingston department, resigned last year. The last Livingston hire, Assistant Professor Mike Kimmel, has also resigned.

Leggett, Johnson, and myself joined the Livingston department in 1970 and 1971 and were tenured soon thereafter.

Each of us has published extensively and is well-known in the field, serving in editorial capacities on journals, as members of professional committees, etc. None of us has ever been promoted. Johnson and I have been turned down twice. Leggett has never been proposed for promotion. The trouble with us is that we're outspoken, we fought centralization, we support democratic rights for students, and we don't do conventional, "mainstream" research on subjects that are either trivial or supportive of the status quo.

What's going on is that Rutgers Sociology, supported by the central administration, has been systematically discriminating against sociologists (not only Livingston people, incidentally) whose work is characterized as humanist, critical, radical, and/or Marxist. A plurality of approaches is discouraged. The result is that a number of younger scholars with interests that are perceived as controversial have been terminated or have resigned. Several graduate students have also left.

I have filed a complaint with the Committee on Freedom of Teaching and Research of the American Sociological Association, as well as a grievance under our collective bargaining agreement, claiming violations of academic freedom and discrimination against my, and other's, scholarly perspectives.

Academic freedom, including the freedom to pursue scholarship that does not fit into the establishment mold, was one of the reasons that many of us originally came to Livingston. It is therefore not surprising that as the administration becomes ever more a tool of corporate interests, it should attempt to destroy Livingston and the kind of sociology for which the Livingston "group" used to be known. Students and graduates who are concerned about these trends should make academic freedom, including the freedom to pursue a plurality of scholarly interests within a discipline, a central issue in any discussion with university officials and with those who can influence events here.

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## Have You Heard? . . . Life After Livingston

**Rich Abramowitz**, '81, serves as Technical Director for Recycling for HDR Techserv, an engineering/solid waste consulting firm. He is based in Austin, Texas . . . **Dr. Frank D. Papandrea**, '72, is Pastor and founder of Union County Baptist Church of Clark, N.J. He is also executive director of Priority One India, a mission board sending funds to India Bible Campus. Dr. Papandrea was recently elected president of the Baptist Bible Fellowship of New Jersey, an association of independent, Baptist congregations throughout the state . . . **Lisa Powers**, '82, is co-owner of

Foodworks, a farm store, bakery and catering business in New Milford, Conn. . . . **Richard Crouse**, '85, is a systems programmer for Morristown Newspapers Inc., publishers of the Morristown (N.J.) Daily Record. He is planning a wedding in June, 1989, and is attending graduate school at Montclair State College for his Master's in computer science . . . **Ray O'Connor**, '79, has formed a video production company, R&B Productions, in Cliffside Park, N.J. His company will specialize in broadcast and corporate video production.

**Keep your classmates informed of what you're doing!**

Send us your name, class year and a few words about what you've been doing to:

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# A Conversation With Walton Johnson

*Dr. Walton Johnson, Chairperson of the Africana Studies Department, was recently interviewed last spring by Kirk D. Ivy about his last trip to South Africa.*

KDI: Southern Africa has been in the news a great deal in recent years. When did you make your first trip to Southern Africa and what were some of your impressions at that time. Also, when did you make your most recent trip to Southern Africa and what were some of your impressions at that time?

WJ: I first went to Zambia, Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland in 1967-68.

KDI: What was the purpose of this trip?

WJ: I was working with the African-American Institute and my work involved interviewing African students who were interested in coming to the United States. I was based in, and living in Lusaka and travelling to those other countries. I also first went to Rhodesia, which is now Zimbabwe, in 1969.

KDI: Did you have any problems getting into what was then Rhodesia?

WJ: I had no problem getting into the country because I was an American and the customs people, because America was friendly toward Ian Smith and Rhodesia, allowed anyone with as American passport to enter the country. And one didn't have to have a visa. So I took advantage of that. They looked at me strangely, but they had no regulations to deny me entry. As for South Africa, I first went through the airport in Johannesburg in 1968 or 1969 because I had to catch a plane there in order to go to those other places. The first time I actually left the airport in South Africa to go elsewhere in the country was sometime in 1969, maybe 1970.

KDI: What were some of your thoughts, feelings and impressions of the social situation at that time?

WJ: The social situation in Zimbabwe and South Africa was as everyone knows. So I will not go into that. My reaction to them was, I think I was hurt. I was angry but I was hurt. I was upset. Those were my feelings.

KDI: Why would you feel hurt?

WJ: That black people were being treated that way. In addition, the situations in Southern Africa are not as simplistic as presented. Out of necessity people have to present arguments in a short, simplistic, coherent manner. So these trips opened my eyes to the complexity of the situations in Southern Africa. My most recent visit was in the fall of 1986. I was part of a two-person delegation sent from Rutgers to explore whether there is some meaningful way Rutgers can contribute to black education in South Africa. My reaction to this most recent trip is that change is occurring at a tremendous rate in South Africa; that South Africa is in a period of social upheaval, similar to the situation in the U.S. in the 1960s. I am not at all optimistic about the outcome because the present government is likely to be ruthless and vicious in its dealing with the social turmoil but there's a great deal more grassroots-level social upheaval in South Africa than one would suspect based on thereporting in the U.S. press.

KDI: Are you saying that the consciousness of some people there has been radically changed in that they are more aware of the world and their social position?

WJ: Well not some people, all people, including whites, blacks, Asians, and so-called coloreds. Everyone knows the

society is going to change politically. Most people support the change. The problem is what to change. In other words, you don't find people who say we have to hold on to the present system. Everyone agrees that the present system has to go. The problem is what is going to replace the present system and how quickly or what's the nature of the transition between what we've got now and what we would like to have. So everyone is more conscious, everyone is more politicized but I don't want to give the impression that it's just the Africans.

KDI: The press in this country gives the impression that the Afrikaaners are sort of retreating into their laagers. In light of this impression, if in fact it is accurate, how do you see change unfolding in South Africa. Do you think by way of peaceful means the black South Africans can achieve their goals and objectives or do you think there will be a good deal of violent unrest?

WJ: First of all, as you know, there's already a great deal of violence, a great deal of bloodshed going on. And not that you've intended but when other people ask that question they are really asking if whites are going to become the victims of the bloodshed. Africans are already, in large numbers, the victims of violence and bloodshed. So, I would say that it is as simple as this: whites want power, Africans want power and it can not be both ways. The Afrikaaners will retreat into their laager, if you want to call it that, to protect what they regard as their interests and their main interest is power. And I think I agree with scholars who say that people don't give up power. So you're going to have to take power from the Afrikaaner. So in that context, I think there will be more violence and violence against whites. I think that I came back from my most recent trip more convinced than ever before that the role that outside people, meaning the international commu-

## Special Night For Alumni At Museum

The LCAG, in cooperation with the University College - New Brunswick-Alumni Association, is sponsoring a relaxed night of dinner and artistic pleasure at the University's own Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick on Saturday, April 23, 1988.

All alumni are invited to this event, which in the past has drawn up to 80 University College graduates. The museum will be closed on that night to the general public.

Plan to arrive at 5:15 p.m. for a personal tour of the museum's collections and a superbly catered dinner. The main attraction from the museum's permanent collection will be art work collectively called JAPONISME. JAPONISME focuses on works which reveal the important influence of Japanese art on Western visual aesthetics in themes of color, composition and subject matter. It is an interesting and very beautiful collection.



All dues paying LCAG members will receive a special invitation to the night at the museum in the next few weeks. If you are not a dues-paying member of the LCAG and you would like to attend, send in the all-purpose coupon on page 8 or call us at 201-932-7474 and we will send you ticket

information. You must have a ticket in advance to be guaranteed a place at dinner. Tickets, inclusive of dinner and the personal tour will be in the range of \$18 - \$20 per person.

We hope to see a lot of Livingston art lovers on April 23!

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nity can play. In other words increased violence, increased bloodshed, in my view, is a direct function of the degree in which the international community acts or doesn't act. What has to happen is the international community led by the United States and Great Britain has to make it clear that the balance of power is now with the Africans. They have to make that clear. Once the whites, like any other group, realize that the power is on the other side, then they will negotiate. It is as simple as that. But they are not going to negotiate if they feel there is some possibility for them to retain power.

KDI: When you speak of whites in South Africa do you speak of the Afrikaaners and the English as separate groups or do you lump them together?

WJ: There are vast differences between the Afrikaaners and the English. They are probably as different as black and white Americans. However, for the purposes of my previous statement I didn't speak of them as separate groups.

KI: So you don't see whites conceding power peacefully?

WJ: I wouldn't put it that way. I don't know of any people who have given up power peacefully. I don't think that's a human thing to do. That's why we have to support the liberation struggle. People who talk of peaceful change are just whistling in the wind.

KI: Do you have any impressions of how the capitalists class view the changing situation in South Africa?

WJ: I do. I have some very definite thoughts on that which were crystallized on my last trip. I think that the capitalist class is dying for change. I think that all of the historical analysis show how the capitalists use race to their advantage, you know, low wages and all that, and all of that is true. But I think that it is also true that capitalists are interested in money and profits. And it has become clear to them that their profits will be jeopardized if the social structure of that society doesn't change. Therefore, I believe that the leaders of the capitalist class are in full support of doing away with apartheid. They may not all agree where to go after that but I would even suggest that they would support one man, one vote or some sort of democratic system. And I think that that class wants to engineer that kind of change in South Africa.

# You Should Have Been There!

## LCAG's Second Annual Reunion . .



Amos Danube and Cheryl "Snoopy" Malone.



Bagpipe player entertains the crowd before award ceremony.



Alumni enjoy reunion buffet.



Dean Jenkins chats with Paul Bangiola and his wife.



Greg Hansa checks in with Rob Stuart.



Professor Ed Ortiz makes a point.

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